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Attn: 5CS-TUB-3

RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site

Granite City, Illinois

Dear Mr. Siegel:

This firm represents FC Holdings, Inc. of Sandston, Virginia. FC has received EPA's demand letter of May 3 seeking payment in the amount of \$300,999.11 for EPA response actions related to the captioned site. This appears to be a case of mistaken identity.

The demand letter was addressed to "FC Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Federal-Hoffman, Federal Cartridge Corporation". FC Holdings is a Virginia corporation which manufacturers printing rollers at its facility near Richmond, Virginia. It has no connection to Federal-Hoffman or Federal Cartridge Corporation and has never been associated with this site. It has not disposed of waste at the site or arranged for disposal there. FC has not received prior notices regarding liability for this facility and we do not know how it came to be identified with this case.

For the foregoing reasons, the company is not liable for any response costs expended in connection with the site. Please review your information and correct your file accordingly, to



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reflect the proper responsible party. Please consider this to be FC's response to the demand letter of May 3, 1991.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Willi Fenske

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